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Charity Wiley, public-relations director of Clearwater Horse Club, stands with her neighbour's horse, Sonny.
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BACK IN THE SADDLE

Evacuees readjust to returning home — and not just the human ones

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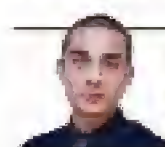
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Challenge tests children after school exceeds bandwidth



Omar Mosleh
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Jasper Place High School student Pamela Xu never considered herself much of a tech addict, until she found herself in class wanting to fiddle with her phone — and unable to.

"I usually check the time, but sometimes I just press the home button on my phone and look at it for no reason," she said.

Xu is one of the students who launched the school's first Technology Abstinence Challenge, which started two weeks ago and wrapped up Thursday.

The group wanted to challenge their classmates to wean themselves off of Instagram notifications and Twitter likes while in class. More than half the school ended up participating.

"It's supposed to open people's eyes and make them realize just how much they're on their phone," said Grade 12 student Kaelie Bittorf, another one of the creators.

"Putting it up there (on a shelf) and separating it does make you realize that you reach for it more than you think you do," Bittorf said. "There's that moment you don't have your phone and you're like 'Oh' ...



A lot of students said they realized it was a problem and they wanted help with abstaining. Kaelie Bittorf



Pamela Xu (left) and Kaelie Bittorf (right) are just two students at Jasper Place High School who went two weeks without technology as part of a challenge. KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO

it's kind of like a little addiction."

School administrators recently told students the school's bandwidth had reached its maximum, Bittorf said. Students were told they were going to have to talk about their technology use before the school would buy more.

Five students stepped up to the plate and hosted focus groups to learn more about how technology was affecting learning.

"We wanted to have student voice in the process of this Wi-Fi problem," Kaelie Bittorf said. "And a lot of students said they realized it was a problem and they wanted help with abstaining from their phones."

They asked themselves questions such as what is responsible technology use and what

purpose does it serve you for learning.

Xu said it was insightful to realize how impulsive checking her phone is.

"You may not be using it, but you reach for it still, and you don't realize how you keep reaching for it. It's like, what?"

While she said having a smartphone is a freedom, fashion teacher Cheryl Boos said the challenge actually granted students freedom from their phones.

FINDINGS

Insights gained from two weeks without personal devices

Phones do have legitimate uses in the classroom. For example, Pamela Xu often uses her phone to take a photo of Powerpoint presentations, instead of frantically taking notes that may not be meticulous. She also uses Google to search answers to questions.

Students tend to check their phones way more often than they thought, often out of boredom.

Not being tethered to technology was, in some ways, liberating.

Students who participated in the challenge tended to be more social in person.

"The students who weren't on their phones felt almost a freedom. It was a release of pressure to be on their phones. I noticed that," she said.

Bittorf said over time, she's noticed students are more engaged both in and out of the classroom.

"You're talking to your friends more, or maybe reading the material before class," she said.

As for Xu, she's far more conscious of how often her phone is glued to her hands, but she also won't be ditching her device any time soon.

"It's a process."

RECOVERY

Mountie divers to help search for hunters

A team of scuba divers was being called in Thursday to help in the search for four hunters missing in north-eastern Alberta.

The Mountie dive team from British Columbia was to arrive in the area north of Fort Chipewyan in the afternoon.

Police said the divers would work with boats equipped with sonar to search beneath the surface of the Rocher River.

On Wednesday, RCMP and Parks Canada shifted their efforts to a recovery operation after failing to find the men in the rugged bush.

The hunters left Fort Chipewyan on Sunday night in a boat, which was later found in the river that flows through Wood Buffalo National Park. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Earlier this week, more than 70 people took part in the search which included three helicopters and volunteers from the Mikisew Cree and Athabasca Chipewyan First Nations.



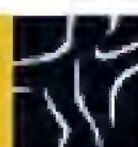
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Fast-tracking safe-injection sites

HARM REDUCTION

With residents' support, city moves to speed up the process



Jeremy Simes
Metro | Edmonton

With a majority of support from surveyed residents, the city intends to help expedite plans to see safe consumption sites open sooner in Edmonton.

The city released a report Wednesday that shows 81 per cent of 1,869 survey respondents — conducted via the city's online Insight survey — approved of plans to see the services pop up in inner city agencies and at the Royal Alex Hospital.

Following the findings, city councillors will decide Monday on sending the federal government a "letter of opinion," which requests the Liberals allow the services to open.

"We all see a worsening crisis that needs an urgent response," Mayor Don Iveson told reporters Thursday, noting Alberta Health Services is pushing the city to help move the plans quicker.

"This should help with the fentanyl crisis."

The push for safe consumption services, which is a harm-reduction model that lets individuals consume deadly street drugs in medically supervised facilities to reduce overdosing, comes as Alberta continues to tackle the opioid crisis.

On top of that, there's been growing concern over people using drugs on Edmonton streets and the needles they leave behind.

"This overdose crisis is mounting and it's not going away," said Shelley Williams, who leads a group called Access to Medically Supervised Injection Services, which is bringing the service to Edmonton.

"We're eager to get along with implementing these services, as evidence shows they can prevent overdose deaths."

Williams said the group is "working as fast as it can" on getting the services up and running, noting no timeline on them opening has been set.

"We are thrilled that Alberta Health has encouraged us to expedite our process and that the city also wants to move quickly," she said.

The services are expected to be available the Boyle McCauley Health Centre, Boyle Street Community Services, the George Spady Centre, and the Royal Alex.

"We're eager to get along with implementing these services."

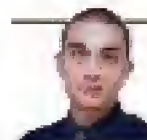
Shelley Williams



Shelley Williams leads a group called Access to Medically Supervised Injection Services, which is looking to bring safe consumption services to Edmonton. KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO

MENTAL HEALTH

Anxiety study targets teen where they are — on the Internet



Omar Mosleh
Metro | Edmonton

The Internet is often associated with behaviours that raise, rather than relieve, anxiety among teens.

But a research team at the University of Alberta is hoping to prove that the World Wide

Web, when used as part of therapy, can help eliminate some symptoms of anxiety among teenagers.

The research study is called BREATHE (Being Real and Easing Anxiety: Tools Helping Electronically) and is led by Dr. Amanda Newton.

The aim is to connect students experiencing anxiety or panic attacks with a self-led

online intervention program that is more efficient than making a doctor's appointment or heading to an emergency room, explained graduate research assistant Ashley Radomski.

It's also less stressful than going in person.

"If they're experiencing (anxiety) quite severely, they'll enter say an emergency department. But that's not necessarily

the best first introduction to receiving health care," Radomski said.

"Something like offering treatment online can help youth who need to improve the access and availability of care."

BREATHE uses a method called Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT) to identify and address symptoms causing

mental health issues.

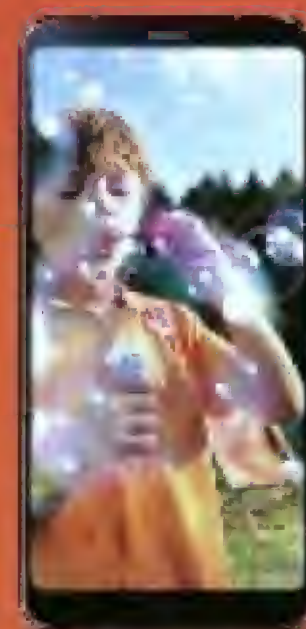
CBT consists of five steps, which involve gradually exposing a person to the situation they fear, such as heights. They then attempt to replace the anxious thoughts with more positive ones.

"It's kind of understanding that triangle between thoughts, feelings and actions," Radomski said.

Half of the participants of the study will partake in the self-led CBT-based program (BREATHE), and the other half will try a more generic self-help web page with various resources explaining how to deal with anxiety. The researchers will then see which method is more effective.

They're expecting to have results sometime in 2018.

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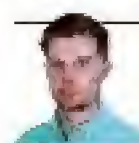
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CITY HALL

Residents may only cement a portion of their property



Jeremy Simes
Metro | Edmonton

Edmonton's new restrictions on concrete lawns "are better than nothing," says a community rep. as the city will now limit residents from cementing their entire property.

City councillors voted unanimously Thursday to allow the new restrictions at a public hearing meeting. Prior to the change, residents could turn their entire front and back yards into a concrete paradise. Now, they can only cement 70 to 75 per cent of their property.

"I think the city has done a good job with this," said Jan Hardstaff, who's been pushing the city to put an end to residents cementing their front lawns. "But we need to go further by at least allowing a minimum requirement for green



Parkallen community rep Jan Hardstaff says she's happy with changes, but would like the city to go a step further. KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO

space on properties."

The changes come as Edmonton tries to reduce "stress" on pipes. That's because when people cement their entire property, there is no grass to

absorb any storm water. More of that water then enters the drainage system, which can cause flooding.

"We do have some complaints now (over the cemented

front lawns)," said Livia Balone, the city's director of development and zoning, during the public hearing.

She said the city is aware of at least 100 locations that

“There is a lot more work we need to do on this.”

Coun. Ben Henderson

are completely cemented over. "The next stage for us is how do we remedy that," she said. "We might need to do further enforcement."

But Coun. Ben Henderson wants the city to take the issue a step further. He presented a motion that will task administration with creating a broader strategy that could determine how much green should be in front and back yards.

"There is a lot more work we need to do on this," Henderson said. "This (change) would give us some tools while we work on something more comprehensive."

The new rules won't apply for home owners who already have their front yards cemented, staff said, noting people can still install other materials like fake grass or rubber as long as storm water can soak through.

POLICE

ASIRT clears officer

An investigation by an agency that reviews police actions has concluded an officer in Edmonton did nothing wrong during an attempted traffic stop that ended in a fatal crash.

The Alberta Serious Incident Response Team says police were never close enough to affect the operation of a car that sped through a red light and hit two other vehicles.

Two passengers in the speeding car were killed, while the driver and another passenger were seriously injured.

An officer had attempted to stop the car minutes earlier and had followed it through some residential streets.

At one point, the car's driver accelerated towards the police vehicle and the officer had to take evasive action to avoid a head-on collision.

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Equine evacuees coping well

ANIMAL WELFARE

People banded together to get horses away from fire



Alex Boyd
Metro | Edmonton

As soon as Charity Wiley leans on the fence of the paddock, her neighbour's horse, Sonny, hustles over to check her pockets for treats.

"He's a ham," she says, giving the wide white blaze on his nose a scratch.

Fort McMurray is an unabashedly animal-loving community. From the pets stowed away on evacuation planes, to the fish carried out in water bottles, to the dozen or so horses set free in desperation, animals featured prominently in the evacuation.

The town's residents have spent the last year readjusting to being home — and not just the human ones.

But Wiley says most of the equine evacuees are coping just

fine.

"Some of them are a bit funny going on the trailer, but you can't really blame them, the last time they were on the trailer it was all panicky," she said, referring to the panicked flight from Clearwater Horse Club a year ago.

"They have every single reason to be reclusive and untrusting and set back from where they were in the fire, but they're not," she said. Sonny now resting his head on her shoulder.

"They don't have to be the horse they were when they left but they are. And I think that's the best part of it."

Here at Clearwater, a Fort McMurray institution for almost 50 years, people banded together to hurry horses onto trailers and down the highway as fast as possible. But with flames bearing down, the last dozen or so had to just be set loose.

"They migrated down the highway and into a camp," Wiley said, a distance of about 20 kilometres.

"They have amazing senses to gather as a herd and make their way to safety. They're very smart."

In many ways, the animal rebuild echoes the human one: the fire damage seems randomly distributed, and only some of the buildings have been rebuilt.

Only about half of the club's 120 or so horses are back so far. All but a few will return,

but either their stables haven't been rebuilt or their human's homes haven't.

But the way people have rebuilt to get the animals back reflects the values of the human

community, Wiley said.

"People go to any length for their animals. I know that there were quite a few lost in the harder hit areas, but to think of how many were rescued, it's hopeful," she said.

"It just goes to show that life is valued here and it's not just a working town, it's a caring community. People have each others' backs."

“They don't have to be the horse they were when they left but they are.”

Charity Wiley



Charity Wiley visits Sonny the horse, in front of her stable, which was unscathed. Her neighbours' structure had to be rebuilt. JENNIFER PRIESEN/FOR METRO

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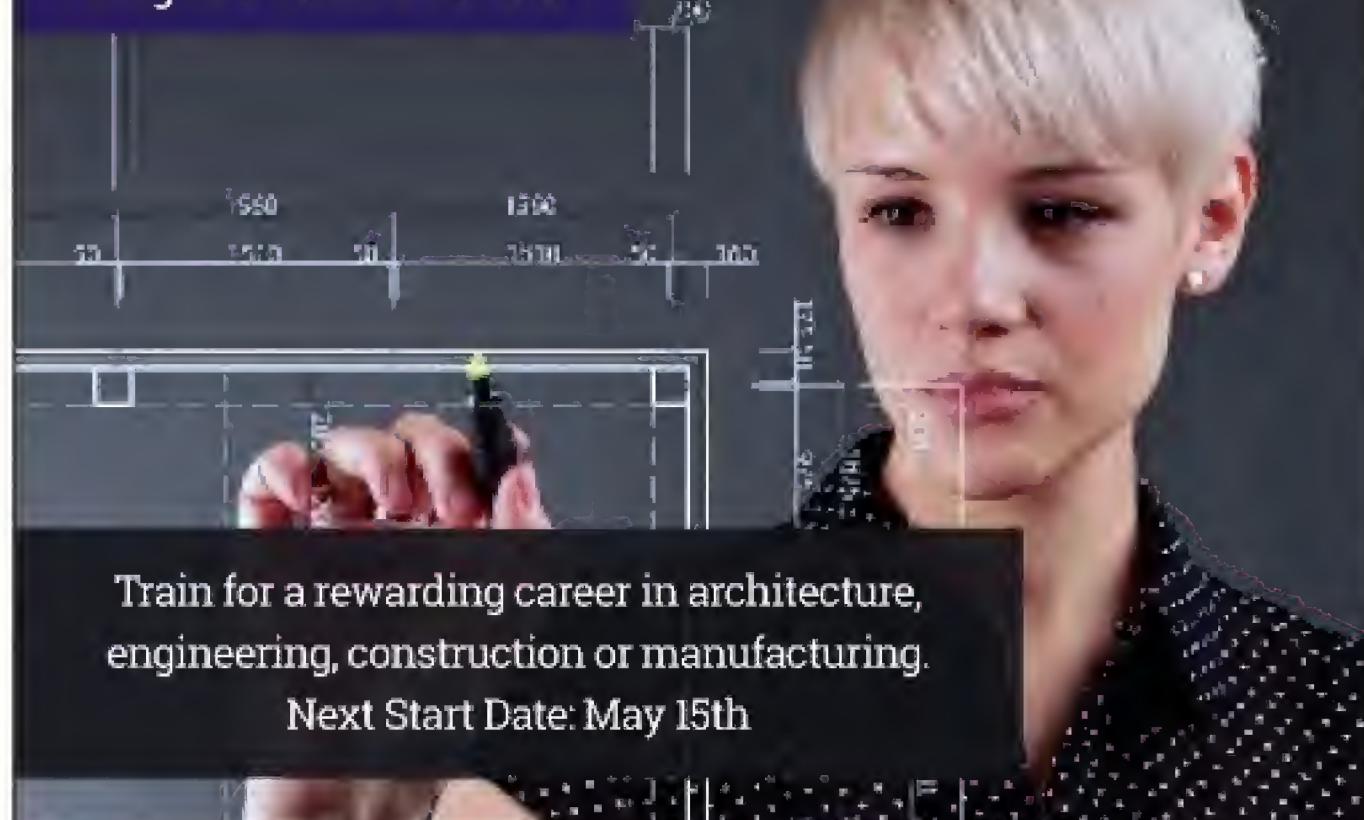


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Uncertain journey back to boomtown

RECOVERY

One year later, some wonder if 'the hustle' will ever be the same



Alex Boyd
Metro | Edmonton

Like thousands of her neighbours, Izdihar Salloum got out of Fort McMurray with nothing, minutes ahead of an out-of-control wildfire.

She'd grown to love the tight-knit community she'd called home for almost a decade, and wouldn't have chosen to leave, she says.

But then pieces started to fall into place in Edmonton: Her two oldest went back to universities in the city, Wal-Mart transferred her job to a local store, she found a new home where she could walk to work.

Now her husband, Shaouki Bazzi, goes north to work every few weeks — then gets in his car and drives back to Edmonton.

"I have very, very good memories there," she said. "But I don't want to go back.... It's too hard."

She's not alone — the city cur-



Rachel Ondang lived in Fort McMurray for a decade, but then had to leave after work dried up post-fire. JEREMY SIMES/METRO

rently estimates the population to be about 73,500, but between the economic downturn and the fire fallout residents say the city doesn't have the same hustle it did pre-fire.

It has some wondering: Will Fort McMurray will ever be the same?

"The work just isn't there. You can't stay in Fort McMurray and just hang out for fun. It's a city where you have to have a lot of

money just to be able to live," said Rachel Ondang.

It's a concept she knows something about. Until recently she was employed handling donations for evacuees. First the donations dried up, then her contract ended, and two weeks ago she moved back in with her parents in B.C.

As Ondang sees it, the fire marked a fundamental shift for the former boomtown.

"We all woke up on May 3 and faced reality. We were living in a fantasy world and reality is here — and it's not going away."

Like most cities, Fort McMurray residents have long navigated their town by neighbourhood. But now some of those borders have become divisions between the haves and have-nots.

"The people who are living in houses that weren't damaged have no clue about those strug-

gling to keep their heads above water," Ondang said. "I think that divide was always there, but the fire has just really magnified it."

"I know a lot of people who wrapped socks and underwear for their kids for Christmas year," Ondang said.

Fort McMurray city councillor Sheldon Germain, who is also a member of the Wood Buffalo recovery committee, admits that for some people it might make

financial sense to relocate, but he believes in the community's ability to rebound. "From Day 1, people used the term 'new normal,' and I don't know if I'd say that, but it was a transformational event, it's become part of the fabric of who we are."

He said the city kicked into high gear over the last year, tackling restricted areas and temporarily getting rid of things like tipping fees at the dump and the noise bylaw to get construction moving. According to Germain the city has already issued over 400 building permits for this year, and he hopes this building season will see ground broken on about half of the 2,000 buildings that burned.

Still, city officials have weathered not only criticism on some policy decisions, but economic hardship themselves. The municipality cut 168 positions in January, a decision Germain calls "unpopular, but prudent."

But as a resident who weathered the downturn in the 1980s he argues the core of the city — "people in Fort McMurray are go-getters," he says — won't change.

"I would say I believe in the community, I believe in our partners in industry," he said. "But it's not just a rebuild. It's a recovery."

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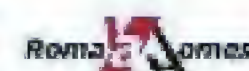
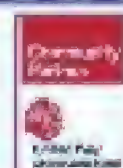
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Bittersweet return for new mother

SURVIVOR

Baby brought family strength in dark time



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It was the best and worst year of her life.

Last year, in their Abasand home, Kyle McLaren, who was 40 weeks pregnant, barely had time to scoop up her shoes before running out the door in the last minutes to evacuate from the Fort McMurray fire.

A year later, McLaren said she still dreams of what she could have taken with her — a photo album, an accordion file folder, her baby's blanket.

Her daughter, Dawson, who was born safely in Calgary on May 13 in Room 13 at 10:13 a.m., is walking now. McLaren says without her, she's not sure she would have made it through the fire.

"At first, none of it kicked in,

we were just there," McLaren said.

Instead of bringing her baby home to her own house, with the things she'd gathered for their newborn daughter, she was in a cramped room in her Calgary relatives' home.

"They let me just take a baby home from a hospital," McLaren said. "I still have postpartum, and I think it's worse because of what happened."

She said that when her mind lingers to having her next baby she immediately thinks: "What if the house burns down again?"

"Last year was the worst year of my life, but it was also the best, because she was born," McLaren said. "It was an exciting time and experience, but it was really crappy.... If I didn't have her, there was no way I would have made it through this.... She was a happy distraction."

Over the phone from Fort Mac, you can hear McLaren's teething tot gurgling in the background, fussing, laughing. Her home burnt down so she's living in a downtown condo. It took her eight months before she and

her family felt ready to return.

"We were really excited to come up here, but it was scary," McLaren said.

When Dawson was six months old they came up to Fort Mac for a visit, snuck into their old neighbourhood and couldn't discern which of the rubble-ridden lots used to be theirs. That was hard, and she hasn't been able to go back since, but coming back for keeps was another matter.

"I was excited to be on our own again, be a family, but I was also terrified," McLaren said. "We drove up in separate cars. I wanted to pull over so many times and say, 'I can't do this, I'm going back.'"

She's still isn't sure how her daughter's birth story will form. Dawson is too young right now to realize the great escape her parents made to deliver her safely in Calgary.

"It's a life-changing thing," McLaren said. "I think it might be one of those things you tell at her wedding day."

Hearing about the fire now still upsets her. "Eventually, it won't be so hard to talk about."



After losing her Fort McMurray home at 40 weeks pregnant, Kyle McLaren and her fiancé are renting a home with their daughter Dawson, now almost one year old. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO



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Wanted: Female chairs

SCIENCE

Minister wants universities to appoint more women

The federal science minister says universities aren't doing the heavy lifting to appoint more female research chairs, so she wants to force their hands.

On her way to give a speech Wednesday to university presidents in Montreal, Kirsty Duncan was handed the latest statistics on the number of men and women among applicants for new Canada Research Chair positions.

"They're dismal," Duncan said in an interview. "There were two times more men nominated than women."

The Canada Research Chairs program was implemented 17 years ago to create 2,000 research positions at universities across the country to push for excellence in engineering, natural sciences, health sciences, humanities and social sciences. Canada spends \$265



Canada's science minister, Kirsty Duncan, says universities aren't doing the heavy lifting to appoint more female research chairs. THE CANADIAN PRESS

million a year on the program. "The bar isn't moving and that can't continue," Duncan said, noting that she even ad-libbed part of her speech because of it: "I let them know

I was very disappointed with the results."

In 2006, the Canada Research Chairs Program settled a complaint with the Canada Human Rights Commission

brought by eight women who complained about discrimination in the awarding of the positions.

In 2009, universities set targets to try and increase the number of research chairs who are women, visible minorities, Indigenous people and people with disabilities. In 2012, universities had to start reporting their progress on these targets annually.

Duncan said if the voluntary program isn't working, she is open to forcing the issue — but would not say how that would work. Last fall she required new equity reporting and planning reports to be submitted with new applications for the Canada Excellence Research Chairs program, after she discovered only one of the 28 chairs was female. That program focuses on science and technology research.

Duncan said Canada lags behind other nations when it comes to women in science; only 36 per cent of PhDs in science in Canada are earned by women, compared with 49 per cent in the U.K. and 46 per cent in the United States.

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MANITOBA

Victim linked to brutal video beating mourned

Hundreds of mourners gathered for a candlelit vigil in a Manitoba's Sagkeeng First Nation Thursday evening, days after the killing of a 19-year-old woman rocked the community.

Serena McKay's body was found Sunday night near a home on the Sagkeeng reserve, about 120 kilometres north-east of Winnipeg.

Since then, a video linked to her death has circulated on social media, showing a young woman lying battered and barely conscious as she's repeatedly kicked and punched in the head. Claude Guimond, the principal of Sag-

keeng Anicinabe High School, where McKay attended, has confirmed her identity in the video.

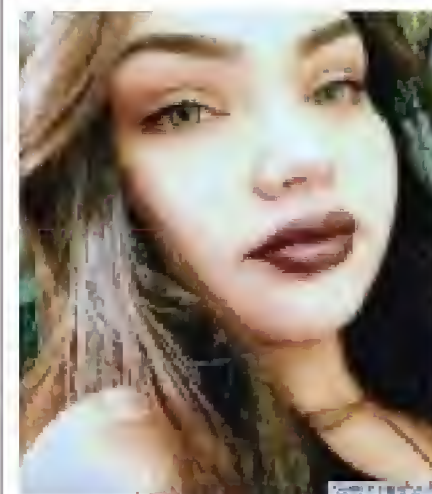
The video, which has since been removed from Facebook, appears to have been taken on a cellphone. Female and male voices can be heard.

"Tuesday we had a healing ceremony for our students and staff," Guimond said. "One of the recurring things that came out was how social media — Facebook, you know — made things even worse by people reposting the video."

RCMP are still investigating, but have arrested two girls, 16 and 17 years old, on charges of second-degree murder. Neither teen suspect can be named under the Youth Criminal Justice Act.

There will be another candlelit vigil for McKay in Winnipeg on Saturday night. The congregation will start at Thunderbird House at 6:30 p.m. and head to The Forks.

According to Facebook, a candlelit vigil in honour of McKay had also been planned in Montreal and Grand Rapids, Man. METRO WITH FILES FROM THE CANADIAN PRESS



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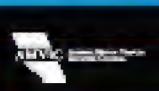
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Trump explains NAFTA switch

TRADE

President says PM asked him not to and he 'likes' Trudeau

Donald Trump's administration had hinted Wednesday afternoon that he was about to sign an order that would begin the process of withdrawing the U.S. from the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Trump announced Wednesday night, though, that he would not be doing so.

What happened?

Trump offered a remarkable explanation on Thursday. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Mexican President Enrique Peña Nieto called him, he said, and asked him not to proceed.

And he likes them, he said, so he agreed.

"I was going to terminate NAFTA as of two or three days from now. The president of Mexico, who I have a very, very good relationship, called me. And also the prime minister of Canada, who I have a very good relationship, and I like



The White House says U.S. President Donald Trump has told Prime Minister Justin Trudeau that he has agreed not to terminate NAFTA at this time. THE CANADIAN PRESS

both of these gentlemen very much, they called me," he said at the White House. "And they said, 'Rather than terminating NAFTA could you please negotiate.' I like them very much,

I respect their countries very much, the relationship is very special. And I said I will hold on the termination, let's see if we can make it a fair deal."

The extraordinary story of

fers a measure of vindication for Trudeau's studiously non-confrontational approach to Trump. It demonstrates, again, the primacy of personal relationships in the impulsive

decision-making of a president who has little policy knowledge or fixed political principles.

"I really hope this is just spin," Scott Lincicome, a trade lawyer and Cato Institute adjunct scholar, wrote on Twitter.

It may be; it allows Trump to look magnanimous and in control. But Trump has regularly changed his mind because someone explained something to him. After claiming for more than a year that China had the power to solve the conundrum of North Korea, he abandoned that view after Chinese President Xi Jinping spent "10 minutes" explaining the situation.

Trump's account was essentially confirmed by Trudeau.

"We had a good conversation last night. He expressed that, yes, he was very much thinking about cancelling. I highlighted quite frankly that whether or not there was a better deal to come, there was an awful lot of jobs, an awful lot of industries right now that have been developed under the NAFTA context," Trudeau said Thursday during a visit to Gray, Sask.

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INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

N. Korea fears at new high: Admiral

The senior U.S. Navy officer overseeing military operations in the Pacific said Thursday that the crisis with North Korea is at the worst point he's ever seen.

"It's real," Adm. Harry Harris Jr., commander of U.S. Pacific Command, said before the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Harris said he has no doubt that Kim Jong Un intends to fulfil his pursuit of a nuclear-tipped missile capable of striking the U.S. The admiral acknowledged there's uncertainty over how far along North Korea's nuclear and missile programs are. But Harris said it's not a matter of if but when.

"There is no doubt in my mind," Harris said.

The Trump administration has declared that all options, including a military strike, are on the table to block North Korea from carrying out threats against the United States and its allies in the region. But a pre-emptive attack isn't likely, U.S. officials have said.

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United Airlines settles with Dao

SCANDAL

Company applauded for not shirking responsibility

The passenger who was dragged off a flight after refusing to give up his seat settled with United for an undisclosed sum Thursday in an apparent attempt by the airline to put the fiasco behind it as quickly as possible.

David Dao's legal team said the agreement includes a provision that the amount will remain confidential. One of his lawyers praised United CEO Oscar Munoz.

Munoz "said he was going to do the right thing, and he has," attorney Thomas Demetrio said in a brief statement. "In addition, United has taken full responsibility for what hap-

pened ... without attempting to blame others, including the city of Chicago."

The deal came less than three weeks after the episode and before Dao had even sued. The deal means United will not face a lawsuit, which could have been costly, both in legal bills and in further damage to the airline's reputation.

Several legal observers unconnected to Dao's case said a payout to him of a few million dollars was possible.

Chicago-based attorney Terry Sullivan said United executives may have been willing to pay as much as \$5 million to make this particular case go away. "United just couldn't afford any more bad publicity on this," he said.

United issued a brief statement Thursday, saying it was pleased to report "an amicable resolution of the unfortunate incident."

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Disturbing video showed David Dao bloodied on board. YOUTUBE

GERMANY

Soldier arrested for alleged attack plans

Police have arrested a German soldier who had posed as a Syrian refugee on suspicion he was planning an attack, apparently motivated by anti-foreigner sentiment, in a case that prosecutors said Thursday was "more than strange."

The 28-year-old lieutenant, whose name wasn't released, faces charges of preparing an act of violence, said Frankfurt prosecutor's spokeswoman Nadja Niesen.

The officer, who was "of German background" and stationed in France, allegedly stashed a loaded pistol in a bathroom at the Vienna airport that was discovered, leading Austrian authorities to take him into temporary custody when he went to retrieve it in February, Niesen said.

Though under investigation in Austria, authorities there did not keep him in custody and he was arrested in southern Germany on Wednesday.

A 24-year-old student from the soldier's hometown of Offenbach was also arrested.

"We know from various voice recordings that both had anti-foreigner views," Niesen said.

The officer had registered as a Syrian refugee in the state of Hesse at the end of 2015 and had been living "sporadically" at a home for asylum seekers since January 2016. Though he was officially stationed with the Bundeswehr in France, authorities say he wasn't required to be present at all times.

Prosecutors believe the officer may have intended to orchestrate an attack so that it was blamed on foreigners, though they haven't yet found evidence to support the theory, Niesen said.

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This is quite an unusual story.

Nadja Niesen

"It sounds more than strange," Niesen told reporters. "I think we have to wait more from the investigation

to find out more about his motivation."

Niesen said the suspect knows no Arabic and she did not know how he managed to pass himself off as a Syrian refugee.

"This is quite an unusual story," she said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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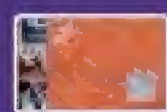
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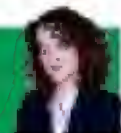
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Scorecard dismissed

100 days isn't enough time to 'make America great again,' despite campaign promise to voters, president says

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD
From the U.S.



Sometimes, when it suits him, the president will say something true. One-hundred days, President Donald Trump now says, isn't a whole heck of a lot of time to "make America great again."

He's right. (Take a minute, that's not a phrase that often appears in the context of Trump, the man who's elevated fact-checking to a full-time job.)

The arbitrary measure of a new U.S. president's early success — the 100-day mark — dates back to Franklin Delano Roosevelt and has often proved to have little to do with an administration's

overall effectiveness.

Trump, though, back in the old days of October, campaigned on all the amazing things he'd do for his base in his first 100 days, even going so far as to sign a "contract" (the reality TV kind) with the "American Voter" complete with his seismograph of a signature, and a fairly small photo, all things considered, of Trump with his hand over his heart. Meaning, it turns out, very little indeed.

The 100-day scorecard, which he then promised with patriotic posture, Trump now considers "ridiculous." But this is America, and even while the pundits agree with its arbitrariness, everyone — the White House, the media,



U.S. President Donald Trump backtracks on his 'contract' with American voters. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

politicians, though probably not your average "American Voter" — can't stop talking about Trump's fledgling

legacy.

And it is worth looking at. As a study in political ineptitude, and policy disinterest.

As a frenzy. As a warning.

We've learned that Trump the president is very much Trump the campaigner: Keen to say whatever comes to mind, and reserve the right to reverse course anytime thereafter, such as threatening to shut down the government over funding for his Mexican border wall, and then not.

Capable of extreme policy swings after a single conversation with a world leader, as with China's currency policy. Swift to act in military matters, as in Syria (once again, regardless of any previous position), without feeling encumbered by the need for a greater strategy.

Ferociously critical of the media, whilst wooing

it. Susceptible to conspiracy theories, such as Barack Obama wiretapping Trump Tower. Focused on "winning," but not on the how of actual policy, à la his failed health care bill. Dismissive of women, especially those with sexual harassment claims, with his support for Bill O'Reilly.

Not to mention the culture he's spawned, where swastikas and hate crimes are spreading like weeds.

Just like campaigning Trump would do, President Trump will mark his first 100 days with a rally in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania: Ever seeking the adoration of his base, while remaining, with a dismal 41 per cent approval rating, just as unpopular, and dangerous.



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INTRODUCING: STEVE

What is that brilliant line in the sky? Is it the trail of an airplane? A message from aliens? Part of the northern lights? Nah, it's just our buddy **Steve**. The heavenly phenomenon, given a cutesy name by the Alberta citizen scientists who helped discover him, is still rather mysterious. Our newest (upstairs) neighbour was apparently hiding in plain sight this whole time.

Here's what we know about him so far.

WHO IS STEVE?

Scientists aren't exactly sure yet what Steve is (a research paper is forthcoming), but he's not new, and appears closely related to the **aurora borealis**, or northern lights, which he often appears alongside.

The northern lights (and southern lights, **aurora australis**) are collisions between **charged particles from the sun** and **gas particles from the Earth's outer atmosphere**.

The colour depends on the gas (yellow-green from oxygen, purple, blue or red from nitrogen).

The high-energy reactions taking place on the surface of the sun throw off huge numbers of charged particles (protons and electrons).

These particles flow toward the Earth in the form of **solar wind**. Most are deflected by our planet's magnetic field. But around the poles, the magnetic field is weaker, allowing more particles in.

When a sun particle crashes into a gas atom high above the Earth, it causes the atom to release a **photon**, a particle of light. Hence the gorgeous display we see in the sky.

FAST FACTS

Thanks to **swarm**, a group of satellites run by the European Space Agency, we know a few things about Steve.

Steve is:

A band of electrically charged gas particles more than 300 kilometres above the Earth's surface.

25 km wide and thousands of kilometres long.

Moving at about 6 kilometres per second from east to west across Canada

Extremely hot: about 3,000 C hotter than the surrounding air.

FINDINGS

Your week in science



STINKY STUDY

Mammals, regardless of species, all take about 12 seconds to poop, says new research in the journal *Soft Matter*. Large animals, despite having larger poops, don't take any longer to defecate, because they produce mucous that speeds the process. (There's surprisingly little data on human poop times, however). Last year, the same team decoded the universal mammal urination time: 21 seconds.

SOUND SMART



DEFINITION

The **Glacial Epoch**, a.k.a. the **Pleistocene**, was the period between 2.6 million and 11,000 years ago when glaciers covered much more of the Earth. It was also the time when the human species evolved. It ended at the end of the last Ice Age.

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I think this head of lettuce has been in the fridge since the **Glacial Epoch**.

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What is E. coli doing in my cookie dough?

How did **E. coli** bacteria end up in flour? — Holly, Toronto

As a cookie dough aficionado, I share your extreme concern.

There are many subtypes of **E. coli** bacteria, most of which are perfectly friendly.

But not **E. coli** 0121, the particularly gnarly type involved in the present recall of Robin Hood and Creative Baker flours and prepared tart shells from Harlan Bakeries. The bacteria makes a chemical called shigella toxin, which causes bloody diarrhea,

abdominal cramps and even kidney failure in some people.

The natural habitat of **E. coli** is the lower intestine of mammals. Yes, **E. coli** comes from poop. And somehow, it got into our flour. Not a nice thought. And how exactly this happened is still being investigated.

It's possible for nasty strains of **E. coli** to pass from person to person, especially if proper hand hygiene isn't followed. But the usual suspect in these types of situations is cow poop.

Past outbreaks have been

blamed on wheat irrigated with water contaminated with cow manure. Combine that with poor sanitation and cross-contamination at a processing facility, and you have a recipe for disaster.

And **E. coli** 0121 has been known to grow in grain mills and processing equipment, especially if the environment is humid.

So what is a cookie dough lover to do?

First, check your cupboard. Quite a large number of products have been pulled from shelves (see the Canada Food Inspection

Agency website for the full list). If you have any at home, toss 'em.

But regardless of the brand, it's not considered safe to eat food containing uncooked flour. But don't go crying over your cookie dough just yet. If you heat the flour to at least 160 C, it's perfectly safe to eat. In fact, it's recommended that you let the youngest member of your kitchen team lick the beaters. It's practically a rule.

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Mexican Altura

The Pride of Chiapas

By: Sean Deasy



Meet a co-op determined to spill their beans to the world

For many of us the mention of Colombian in the mountainous terrain of Chiapas in southeastern Mexico is an amalgamated co-op, largely made up of indigenous people, that's become a world leader in the production of Fairtrade organic coffee. Many factors have led to their success: notably an unlimited reserve of pride and hard work. Long before we pour their coffee into our cups here in Canada, these farmers – historically from some of the more impoverished communities in the state – have poured everything into their craft.

"Most people living in this area (have been) extremely poor and rely on coffee as a main source of income," Eric Shabsove of Mountain

View Coffee in Toronto. "There is a great deal of pride that goes into everything they do."

The co-op is called the Federación Indígena Ecológica de Chiapas (or FIECH), created in 1993 by farmers who merged together three small co-operatives from across the region.

Over the years the federation has grown and now comprises 15 co-operatives representing 21 different municipalities throughout Chiapas. Today FIECH has more than 2,800 members consisting primarily of indigenous farmers and their families.

Fair game

Big changes came in 1996 when the Federation gained Fairtrade certification.

Since then, FIECH farmers have benefited from steadier and higher incomes through Fairtrade sales. The certification has created a positive cycle where members are able to invest in better farming practices, trainings and workshops, which in turn increase production and efficiency.

"The co-ops and Fairtrade help the farmers to invest back into their farms, notably for equipment, loans, new coffee trees and farming practices that are sustainable," says Shabsove. "So now these people have access to so many things that they'd never had before, and I think that's pretty amazing because these are people that have worked the land for many, many years, and have been [typically] marginalized."

Members are now more educated and aware of how to market and sell their coffee to international clients, and FIECH is continually looking for new ways to support its members. The organization has invested in a warehouse and equipment to improve quality control, and invested in a nursery with more than two million coffee plants, which are used by members to renew their planting as well as to sell coffee plants in the local market. FIECH has also established a microfinance fund for replanting coffee at the individual farmer level, accompanied by an organic agriculture toolkit and technical assistance.

And using Fairtrade premiums, FIECH has been able to "renovate" coffee trees across 3,000 hectares of land. In other words, replacing old trees with new ones that provide higher yields, which in turn boosts the bottom line for small producers.

But advantages of Fairtrade extend beyond production.

FIECH has also built dormitories at local schools in the region. Now students living in more remote areas have lodging while they are studying and attending school. It should have a long-lasting impact on local communities: keeping educational opportunities closer to home and helping deter youth migration to larger cities.

Tasteful weather

The terrain may be jagged and difficult to traverse, but it boasts volcanic soil – always an ally to great beans. And the region is blessed with the ideal climate to grow coffee – notably an abundance of rainfall.

"It's basically the best growing region in Mexico," says Shabsove, who has curated the entire global Headline Coffee collection. "There are others, but Chiapas is pretty much the best."

So how do pride, hard work and the perfect climate culminate in our cup? Altura is an aromatic coffee – delicate and sweet on the nose with butter and vanilla bean notes. The palate is smooth, balanced and well rounded with subtle tones of butter toffee, a soft hint of chocolate and a comforting feel to its finish.

Now is the best time to discover a taste for Altura, says Shabsove, since the harvesting season has just come to a close. And, as neighbours just to the north, Canadian coffee lovers are very well situated.

"What's also great about (the co-op) is its proximity to North America, so we get great access to these coffees, unlike some that are on the other side of the world. Most Mexican organic does flow into the United States and Canada, so we are certainly lucky that way."

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Emma Watson's got staying power



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IN FOCUS

Takes more than Potter magic to soar to her heights

Richard Crouse
For Metro Canada



One day someone may write about Emma Watson without mentioning the Harry Potter franchise, but today is not that day. Few child stars have faced the glare of the spotlight as acutely as the core Potter cast and the fame that came along with playing Harry, Ron and Hermione will likely follow them around for as long as Potterheads roam the earth.

It's not like they are crying over spilt potion, however. On

screen Daniel Radcliffe takes on demanding roles that give him the chance to distance himself from Harry and, apparently, show his bum at every opportunity. Rupert Grint has kept a lower profile, starring in a few independent films and playing an upper-crust criminal on the television adaptation of *Snatch*.

Of the three, Emma Watson has the highest professional profile — with gigs addressing the United Nations, starring opposite a heartbroken furry beast, and accepting British GQ's Woman of the Year Award.

This weekend she follows up her post-Potter star turn as Belle in *Beauty and the Beast* with the high-tech thriller *The Circle* — based on the 2013 novel by Dave Eggers. Appearing opposite Tom Hanks, she plays a young woman hired at *The Circle*, America's most influential and possibly dangerous tech company.

She says, "I pick movies, not roles," and has amassed a carefully curated IMDb page — including everything from *This is the End*'s axe-wielding version of herself to Noah's adopted daughter — designed to challenge an audience used to seeing her as Hermione and showcase strong and independent characters.

A year after *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows — Part 2*, she surprised fans by playing a wise-beyond-her-years free spirit in *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*.

"If you had told me that the first movie I was going to do coming out of *Harry Potter* was an American high school movie," she told the *Hollywood Reporter*, "I would have laughed at you."

Based on a popular young adult novel, it uses one of the building blocks of teen drama — the friendless teen trying to navigate high school in his

freshman year — but layers in equal amounts of teen angst and exuberance before the final class bell rings. Watson is terrific, avoiding the square-peg-in-a-round-hole clichés that could have dogged her character.

Her next starring role silenced Hermione comparisons forever. *The Bling Ring* plays like a *Law & Order* episode of *The Hills*.

Based on actual events, it centres on a group of narcissistic Los Angeles teens who track the comings and goings of their favourite celebs on the Internet.

While one-named millennial stars like Paris and Lindsay are out on the town, the Ring "go shopping," breaking into their homes, helping themselves to jewels, designer clothes and loose cash.

Watson's performance nails the vapidly that made the robberies possible. Dead eyed, with a bored inflection on every word



she mispronounces, her take on Nicki shows there's more to her than being a wizard's sidekick.

"I am aware I have a long way to go," she told *Elle UK*. "I am not sure I deserve all the respect

I get yet, but I'm working on it."

The 27-year-old may have a long way to go, but one thing is for sure, if she continues to choose daring and exciting roles, she's staying in the spotlight.

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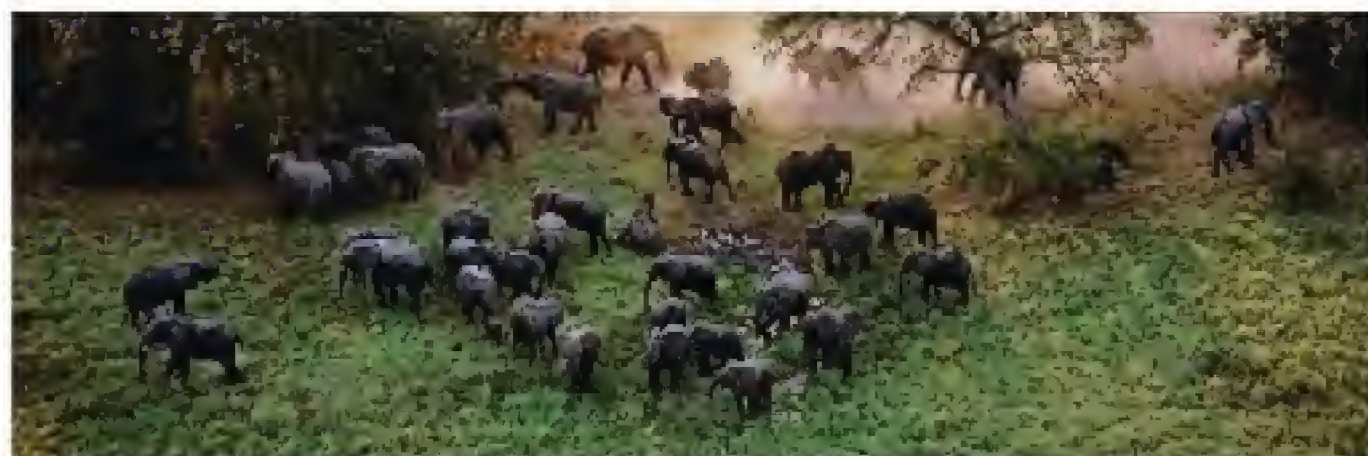
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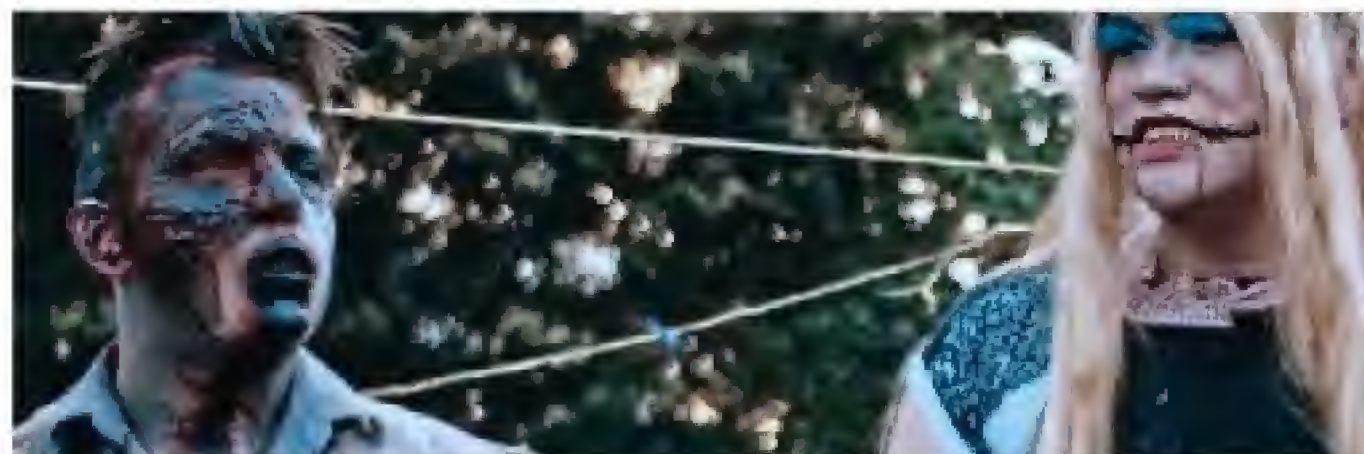
DOC: They call it a mergasm: a euphoric feeling when a woman slips on the carefully constructed tail that transforms her from ordinary human to figure of aquatic legend. A curious hobby on the surface, this doc dives into the psychology behind the real-life fish story. **HOLLYWOOD:** In 1984 rom-com *Splash*, Daryl Hannah is the girl of Tom Hanks' dream, only she's a mermaid. It sounds doomed, but when she assumes human form to track him down in New York City, Cupid might have to make an exception. It's the same watery wish fulfillment that prompts the quirky mermaid dress-up in Ali Weinstein's doc.

The divide between documentary fact and dramatic fiction has never seemed flimsier, especially at the Hot Docs festival, where many international premieres are happening. Parallels between real life and classic Hollywood narratives can be drawn in several cases, sometimes worrisomely so. **Peter Howell** TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



Becoming Bond vs. On Her Majesty's Secret Service

DOC: James Bond may be a freewheeling hero (licence to kill, sexual romps, etc.). But the actor who plays him can feel like a prisoner, constrained to the role off camera and on. Josh Greenbaum's doc profiles one-off 007 George Lazenby, the Aussie actor who walked away from a seven-picture deal and \$1-million signing bonus after his first movie in 1969. **HOLLYWOOD:** Many rank *On Her Majesty's Secret Service* among the best of the 007 series, and Lazenby is every bit the rule breaker on screen as he was off it. It's also the only Bond film where 007 marries for real (not as part of a deception) and the first where he openly weeps.



Spookers vs. House of a 1,000 Corpses

DOC: Imagine if the drooling zombies of Michael Jackson's *Thriller* video opened their own theme park. The strange scene in Florian Habicht's *Spookers*, a commercial fright fest on the grounds of a shuttered psychiatric hospital in New Zealand, takes centre stage in this doc. The pants-wetting (and worse) horror is convincing, and the makeup is great. **HOLLYWOOD:** I'd argue *1,000 Corpses* gets closest to the serial insanity of *Spookers*, but not in a good way. When I reviewed the film (premise: psycho killers operating a freak museum), I said it "devolves into the worst kind of drive-in drivel." *Spookers* is better by keeping it real (sort of).

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NEW ALBUM

Songstress makes a triumphant new album

Let's state the obvious here: Mary J. Blige has a way with hurt. Songs like "Not Gon' Cry" and "No More Drama" might even prove that Blige is at her best when she's at her worst.

Her latest set, "Strength of a Woman," supports that almost-fact.

Sure, "happy Mary" can make a hit. (Please see: 2001's "Family Affair" in this dancery.) But "scorned Mary" can make you feel both her pain and your own - every cut, every bruise, every pang of fragile hope.

On "Strength of a Woman," Blige harnesses that power. Perhaps thanks in no small part to real-life drama with her estranged husband Martin "Kendu" Isaacs, from whom she filed for divorce last year. Lead single



Mary J. Blige's latest is called *Strength of a Woman*. AP

"Thick of It" - one of four heart-wrenching standouts co-written by Jazmine Sullivan - movingly captures Blige torn between staying and walking away.

But in no uncertain terms is Blige as ready to go as on the quietly scathing "Set Me Free," also co-written by Sullivan. "How you fix your mouth to say I owe you/When you had another (chick) and taking trips.../With

my money." Blige sings, later adding, "There's a special place in hell for you/You gon' pay for what you did to me."

The words are a little startling, but it brings a certain pleasure to hear Blige flexing her emotional muscle against the hurt. She's down, but she's not out, as she declares on the Kanye West-assisted "Love Yourself."

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How the Maudie biopic became a hit

SLEEPER HITS

Maudie film is Atlantic's No. 2 movie on limited release

The small-budget biopic of folk artist Maud Lewis has become an unlikely Atlantic Canadian blockbuster.

Maudie is the region's No. 2 film, with a higher per-screen average last weekend than the top-grossing *The Fate of the Furious*, according to Mongrel Media, the film's distributor.

"Maudie had a weekend per-screen average of \$7,239 in the Atlantic provinces," Alison Zimmer, Mongrel's theatrical sales co-ordinator, said Wednesday.

"It definitely over-performed in Atlantic Canada."

The drama stars Oscar-nominated British actor Sally Hawkins as the reclusive Nova Scotia artist whose hands were riddled with arthritis, and American Ethan Hawke as her fish peddler husband, Everett.

It opened in limited release on April 14, and is currently being shown on 30 screens, half in

the Atlantic region. A total of 75 screens will play Maudie across Canada by this weekend, including theatres in Corner Brook, N.L., and Antigonish, Amherst and Truro, N.S.

People have lined up around the block at some theatres, and at least one Halifax junior high school plans a field trip Thursday to see it.

The success has exceeded initial expectations, said Zimmer, although she adds that she knew Maudie would be an East Coast hit — it is set in Nova Scotia and was filmed in Newfoundland.

The independent Fundy Cinema in Wolfville, N.S., planned two showings, but owner Noemi Volovics added two more after they entirely sold out.

"Maudie has done very well for us," Volovics said. "I would say

probably more than half of the audience (are people who) never come to this theatre."

It has received critical acclaim at various festivals around the world and captured the Super Channel People's Choice award at the Vancouver International Film Festival.

Lewis, who lived in poverty for most of her life, sold her paintings from her home near Digby, N.S., for as little as \$2 and \$3. She died in 1970, but her paintings have since sold for up to \$22,000.

Two of her works were ordered by the White House during Richard Nixon's presidency after Lewis achieved national attention through an article in the *Star Weekly* and was featured in a CBC TV documentary.

Zimmer said they expect the film to be released in the United States, U.K., France, Germany, Spain, Australia and Japan later this year.

Zimmer said she understands why the film was so successful in the Atlantic provinces.

"It's a story of a Canadian female artist, which is something we don't get the opportunity to see very often," she said.

"There's a lot of pride."

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It definitely over-performed in Atlantic Canada.

Allison Zimmer,
Mongrel Media



Everett (Ethan Hawke) and Maud Lewis (Sally Hawkins) shine in *Maudie* — which currently has a higher per-screen average than the top-grossing *The Fate of the Furious*. CONTRIBUTED

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OBITUARY

Bollywood's Vinod Khanna dies

Vinod Khanna, a dashing Bollywood actor turned politician, has died of cancer, a hospital official said. He was 70.

Tushar Pania, a spokesman for Sir HN Reliance Foundation Hospital, said Khanna died Thursday due to bladder carcinoma.

Khanna made his Bollywood debut in 1968 and acted in more than 100 films. His popular performances included Mere Apne (My Own), Mera Gaon Mera Desh (My Village, My Country), Gaddaar (Traitor), Kachhe Dhaage (Delicate Thread) and Amar Akbar Anthony. He acted with top stars Amitabh Bachchan and Dharmendra in several Hindi movies.

In 1982, Khanna temporarily quit the film industry to join spiritual guru Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh. He resumed his film career after five years.

He entered politics in 1997 as a lawmaker with the Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party, representing the Gurdaspur constituency in northern Punjab state in Parliament. He also served as junior external affairs minister and



A hospital official says Vinod Khanna, a dashing Bollywood actor turned politician, has died of cancer in Mumbai. He was 70. AP PHOTO

culture and tourism minister.

He married his first wife, Geetanjali, in 1971 and the two had two sons, Rahul Khanna and Akshaye Khanna, who also became Bollywood

actors. The marriage ended in a divorce, and he married his second wife, Kavita, in 1990. They had two children, a son and a daughter.

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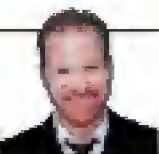
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Love's Labour's Lost is found on the big screen

IN FOCUS

Stratford is filming all of Shakespeare for moviegoers

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For Metro Canada



Mike Shara remembers the first time Shakespeare lifted from the page and became more than just arid, anachronistic textbook literature.

Then a theatre student, Shara witnessed a production of Shakespeare's *Measure for Measure* at the Stratford Festival and the experience elevated the Bard beyond being "historical toms that you have to labour through" in school.

"It's very important for kids to see these were meant to be plays first," explained the Toronto-based thespian of the modern-day relevance of Shakespeare. "They are living, breathing, vital things that need to be embodied and you need to see them live to really appreciate them."

Perhaps that's why the Stratford Festival has embarked on a mission to film all of Shakespeare's plays and screen them on the big-screen over the coming decade. Having already released such classics as *King Lear* and *Hamlet* in theatres, the Fest's latest feature introduces the staged-version of *Love's Labour's Lost* to Canadian moviegoers on April 29.

"He just got better at doing the things that he's doing in *Love's Labour's Lost*," said star Shara of one of Shakespeare's earliest and most underappreciated works. "The play is so much about words, love of words and using words so maybe that's where the chasm lies and sort of grows between people appreciating it and it not being beloved like some of his other ones."



In *Love's Labour's Lost* starring Mike Shara (centre), King Ferdinand of Navarre persuades a trio of friends to devote three years to scholarly pursuits, swearing off wine, women and song. CONTRIBUTED

Stratford hopes the cinematic treatment renews current fans' appreciation for the story about a king and three friends who swear off women while they focus on studies. Indeed, the festival is banking that it'll even generate new Shakespeare admirers.

"It does play all around the world at movie theatres so that's good in the sense it can reach a wider audience," said Shara, who's been praised for his role in the production. "You have to keep cultivating new people to come see the shows and this is a way of reaching out to get those people interested, aware and have them come and see it for themselves."

If the festival's greatest test is attaining modern audiences, then Shara's is reaching those patrons with live perform-

▶ THINGS TO DO IN STRATFORD

Here are 3 ways Mike Shara unwinds when not in Shakespeare-mode.

Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame: "I highly recommend a visit there," said Shara of the sports museum that pays homage to 117 inductees in nearby St. Marys.

The Red Rabbit: "If you wanted to have a really nice dinner, that's the place I'd

recommend," said Shara of the acclaimed locally sourced pre-show bistro. "I don't think I've had anything less than a great meal."

The Boar's Head Pub: "A lot of folks who go to the festival go there," admitted Shara of the festival actors' late-night hangout. "You could go after a show and watch the end of a game and the kitchen's open late!"

ance. While he recalls being undaunted by the potential of cinema's wider reach, he does admit filming the stage production presented a challenge.

"You can't screw up. They

only film one (take) so you have this paranoia that you're going to screw up the big speech and its going to be immortalized," laughed Shara. "That was my biggest fear – oh God, don't let me go on with my fly open or something."

REVIEW

Friendship, foibles and politicians

Richard Gere delivers a bravura performance in his title role of a Duddy Kravitz-style hustler, especially in a wordless early sequence that speaks volumes about his character.

The pantomime occurs outside a pricey Manhattan shoe store. Gere's Norman Oppenheimer, an influencer without influence, seeks to ingratiate himself to Micha Eshel (Lior Ashkenazi), a visiting Israeli deputy minister.

Norman sees Eshel eyeing a ridiculously expensive pair of shoes, too expensive even for a politician. Norman's hand touches Eshel's arm, then his shoulder, in a buddy-buddy gesture. Eshel must have these shoes. Norman will make it happen — consider it a "Welcome to New York" gift — even though Norman walks the streets because he can't afford an office.

Three years later, Eshel has become Israel's prime minister. He remembers his impromptu pal Norman — "He has a tremendous heart!" Eshel tells his skeptical wife — and boy, does Norman remember him. Thus is set in motion the main story of this English-language debut by writer/director Joseph Cedar, a New York-born Israeli filmmaker.

Fascinated by the foibles of humans, especially men, he can take the smallest gesture or incident and turn it into something momentous, as seen in his earlier film *Footnote*, a Cannes 2011 Palme d'Or contender that also featured Ashkenazi, playing the successful son of a jealous father.

Ashkenazi is superb here as a lonely politician susceptible to flattery and gifts. There are also grand supporting turns by Steve Buscemi as Norman's doubtful yet hopeful rabbi, Michael Sheen



Richard Gere in Norman.
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as Norman's connected but worried nephew, Dan Stevens as a caustic Wall Street operator and Charlotte Gainsbourg as a mysteriously motivated Israeli official.

The picture, though, belongs to Gere, who deserves to be remembered at awards time. His Norman is a fully realized character, a man who is not to be trusted but who is impossible to hate and may even have that great heart Eshel believes in.

Norman is a strangely withholding figure, almost always seen in a camel coat, tweet cap and plaid scarf, as he carefully assesses a situation behind wire frames. He's an unknowable man, yet one whose vulnerability shows through and makes us feel for him. When the nephew observes that Norman is like a drowning man trying to flag the attention of an ocean liner, he replies, "But I'm a good swimmer!" We don't want him to sink.

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Civil rights group backs Ann Coulter

FREE SPEECH

'Threats' that led to cancel Coulter lecture condemned

The American Civil Liberties Union's national legal director says "unacceptable threats of violence" that led to the cancellation of Ann Coulter's speech at the University of California, Berkeley are inconsistent with free speech principles that protect people from government overreach.

David Cole says hateful speech has consequences especially for people of colour, LGBTQ people, immigrants and others who have been historically marginalized.

But Cole said late Wednesday the government cannot define threats to free speech because that could result in censorship.

Though Coulter's speech at UC Berkeley was cancelled, far-right supporters were planning rallies Thursday to denounce what they claim is an attempt to silence their conservative views.

Meanwhile, Berkeley, known as the home of the American

free speech movement, was under heavy police watch on Thursday in advance of what is expected to be a large pro-Coulter protest.

The author added that she might still "swing by to say hello" to her supporters, prompting police and university officials to brace for possible trouble. Coulter supporters said the university was attempting to silence their views.

Dozens of police wearing flak jackets and carrying 40-milliliter batons that shoot "foam batons" flanked the university's main plaza while a small group of protesters condemning Coulter staged one of two earlier rallies outside campus. Officers also took selfies with students in an attempt to lighten the mood. Police erected barricades

and refused to let participants enter the campus.

Protesters from the International Socialist Organization held what they called an "Alt Right Delete" rally with signs reading "Refuse Fascism" and "Fascist free campus." The group endorses free speech, and some members oppose the way Coulter and others have co-opted the free speech movement. "I don't like Ann Coulter's views, but I don't think in this case the right move was to shut her down," said graduate student Yevgeniy Melguy, 24, who held a sign that read "Immigrants Are Welcome Here."

Berkeley student Joseph Pagadara, 19, said he is worried about violence and says the university is caught in the middle of the country's political divide.

"Both sides are so intolerant of each other. We are a divided country. We need to listen to each other but we're each caught in our own bubbles," he said.

As for Coulter, Pagadara said the university should have let her speak. "Now she's making herself look like the victim and Berkeley like the bad guys," he said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Now she's making herself look like the victim and Berkeley like the bad guys.

Joseph Pagadara, student



Protests were in abundance in Berkeley, Calif. on Thursday over the cancellation of Ann Coulter's lecture. GETTY IMAGES / THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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GETTING SMART ABOUT DEALING WITH DIABETES



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At age 18, Kayla Brown was diagnosed with diabetes.

"I had the classic symptoms: weight loss, increased thirst, frequent urination, vision difficulties and fatigue," she says. "I looked for ways to make the most of a difficult situation by getting involved in the diabetes community and starting a blog."

Brown also embraced the latest technologies for monitoring her blood glucose levels. "When I was first diagnosed, I was recording my numbers in a notebook, and sometimes forgetting. It was harder to manage my blood sugar because it was difficult to see the patterns when I was just looking at a bunch of numbers on paper," she explains.

Now, Brown uses the Contour Next One Bluetooth-enabled smart meter and Contour diabetes app. This blood glucose meter links to your phone through a mobile app to collect, store, and graph meter readings to make it easier for patients to analyze results and better manage their diabetes. This innovation shows users at a glance if their blood sugar is too high, too low or within their target range with coloured lights via smartlight technology.

"With this device, I can quickly check and see by the colour of the light on the display whether

or not my sugar is in the normal range," Brown says. A green screen means her blood sugar is normal, yellow means high and red means low. "This keeps it simple, and if your blood sample is too small, it easily allows you to add more blood with the second chance sampling feature."

Technologies like these are beneficial to doctors, as well.

"Using new technology that connects glucometer testing to phone- or computer-based apps can help healthcare professionals see the bigger picture at a glance and pinpoint problem areas on the glucose readings," says Dr. Harpreet Bajaj, endocrinologist at LMC Diabetes and Endocrinology Centre in Brampton and research associate at Toronto's Mt. Sinai Hospital. "It's much easier to help patients figure out how to make changes and improve health outcomes." It's also less stressful for patients than seeing their numbers on a screen, he adds. "Rather than looking only at the small variations with their numbers, they can also look at the colours and know whether or not they are within their target glucose ranges."

Brown says the technology has encouraged her to check her blood more often and pay attention to the patterns. "I feel like I'm in control of my diabetes, so I'm living healthier and feeling better."



Following a knight's trail

The production team of *King Arthur: Legend of the Sword* (starring Charlie Hunnam) choose this filming location on the Isle of Skye, in northwest Scotland, for its natural drama. CONTRIBUTED

KING ARTHUR

Chasing Arthurian lore and sites from Ritchie's film

Even when the wind is blowing so strongly that the rain hits the ground almost horizontally, you can't help but be moved by the greenness, and grandness, of the view from the craggy edges of the Quiraing — an ancient 543-metre-high landslip. It's clear why filmmaker Guy Ritchie tapped Scotland's Isle of Skye as a location for *King Arthur: Legend of the Sword* which opens May 12.

"(He was) looking for a magical place to represent the 'Darklands,' a mythical place where Arthur becomes a man," says Amanda Stevens, the film's location manager. "Skye has the most extreme and stunning locations, one of the most beautiful areas in the world . . . (and it's) remote and far from signs of modernity."

So remote, in fact, that the crew had to hike everything from food hampers to portable toilets 45 minutes into the mountains to reach the shooting site. They were blessed with brilliant sunshine but there's always a chance of rain and darkness on the island ranges in the northwest corner of Scotland.

Even so, the dramatic landscapes have been inspiring storytellers throughout history.

"The stark landscape and ever-changing light and shade are stimuli for the imagination,"



Main: The Trotternish Ridge on the Isle of Skye. COURTESY VISIT SCOTLAND **Top right:** Eilean Donan Castle sits on its own island in the west Highlands. **Bottom left:** On the lawn of Dalhousie Castle, one of Falconry Scotland's two locations. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

says Johanna Summers, the travel expert from Must See Scotland who's guiding us through the Highlands. "It's perfectly possible that Scotland's early people needed tales of heroism and the overcoming of dark forces as a kind of escape from the harsh struggles of long ago."

Driving around Trotternish Ridge, the most northerly peninsula of Skye, the geological features seem to tell their own tales of those harsh struggles.

Undoubtedly, the Trotternish Ridge on the Isle of Skye is a geological marvel. At Kilt Rock, a sea cliff named for its massive vertical basalt columns forming the shape of a pleated skirt, a 55-metre waterfall shoots out

over its edge into the Sound of Raasay below. The Old Man of Storr is a large, jagged pinnacle of rock that looks like something out of a dark fairytale.

"Amongst the Gaels at least, (there's) this strong emphasis on storytelling as a way of handing down traditional lore and tales of great warriors," says Summers.

The greatest warrior of all, to many, is King Arthur, and his connection to Scotland, it turns out, goes way beyond Ritchie's film location choices.

Books such as *Finding Arthur* by Adam Ardrey and *Arthur and the Lost Kingdoms* by Alistair Moffat point out that many of the familiar symbols of Arthur-

ian legend — the Sword in the Stone, the Lady of the Lake, the Holy Grail and even Camelot — could actually be found in Scotland. They also suggest he wasn't a king at all, but a cavalry general in c. 500 AD chosen to lead a coalition army along the Scottish border.

Though England and Wales traditionally lay claim to Arthur, Scotland's connection to the king is strengthened further on a visit to Arthur's Seat, the iconic extinct volcano in Edinburgh's Holyrood Park, which is put forward as a possible location of Camelot.

"Ben Arthur, Loch Arthur, Arthur's Seat, we've got all these references throughout Scotland

to say that this Arthur name had standing, had meaning, had strength behind it," says Calum Lykan, a professional Scottish storyteller and our Edinburgh guide. "That's why a lot of these scholars are now saying Arthur has got to be originating within the Scottish realm."

Edinburgh Castle also plays a part in building the legend. The first written reference to Arthur is in the 5th-century epic Welsh poem *Y Gododdin*, in which 300 warriors march out from Edinburgh into battle. There the Scottish warrior Gwawrddur "brought black crows to a fort's wall/ Though he was no Arthur/ He made his strength a refuge."

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Arthur," says Lykan, who looks the part of a warrior himself, dressed in a traditional great kilt and standing in front of Edinburgh Castle. "Stories are a gift for everyone and therefore we all have our Arthur."

Whether King Arthur (a name said to have derived from the ancient Gaelic word *artos*, meaning "bear") was a real living man, a transferable title given to a lauded war leader, or simply a fable used to teach children about friendship, is still up for debate. But after a week of following Arthur around this rugged land, there's no debating the legendary status of Scotland's natural beauty. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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MONTREAL

Technology brings new ways to explore city's history

Audio guides and walking tours have always been popular ways to get to know a city, but thanks to smartphones, this time-honoured activity has been undergoing a digital shift.

Montreal has a number of digital mapping projects and on-line or tech-enhanced tours that offer different ways for visitors to explore neighbourhoods.

Many of these online projects include maps with points of interest arranged around a theme, whether it be oral history, literary works or vanishing industrial heritage. The use of smartphones means these tours can now include video, audio, holograms, history and art, according to multimedia producer Philip Lichti.

"(Smartphones) allow you to deliver these different sorts of media to phones, and there's also the technological capability of a phone to be able to situate



Digital projects brings new ways to explore Montreal's neighbourhoods. THE CANADIAN PRESS

where the listener is, not only in the geographic space but also the three-dimensional space," Lichti said.

Montreal's best-known digital-enhanced walking tour is undoubtedly Cité Mémoire, which tells the story of Old Montreal through a series of giant multimedia projections screened onto the facades of nearby historical buildings.

On a smaller scale, one can find a number of interesting projects that tell the story of Montreal's transforming neighbourhoods through the eyes of the people who live or grew up there. Here is a small sample of the English-language offerings:

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Cité Mémoire brings the history of the Old Port to life through

more than 20 tableaux that include video, stories, and music.

Visitors download a free app, available in four languages, which includes a map and GPS and allows them to hear the words and music to accompany each of the projections. Several new tableaux are being added this year, including one that honours the 50-year anniversary of Expo 67. The projections begin

at dusk each night beginning May 10. Visit: montrealenhistoires.com/memory-city.

Griffintown Tour

Filmmaker and artist G. Scott MacLeod has created a virtual tour of 21 key historical sites in the rapidly gentrifying neighbourhood of Griffintown. For each stop, there is a short film that combines animation, drawing, photos and film footage, narrated by a historian who recounts its place in the history of what was once a working-class industrial area populated mainly by Irish immigrants. Visit: griffintowntour.com.

Mapping the Mosaic

This digital mapping project was created by the Quebec Anglophone Heritage Network in order to capture English-speaking Montrealers' memories of their city. The map's points of interest include not only official histories but also personal memories submitted by locals. Visit: mapping.montrealmosaic.com.

Walking the post-industrial Lachine Canal

This 2.5-kilometre walk, which Lichti helped to produce, covers

the area around the Lachine Canal, including parts of the St-Henri and Griffintown neighbourhoods. Listeners hear stories of workers and residents who evoke the area's fast-vanishing industrial past. Visit: postindustrialmontreal.ca/audiowalks/canal-2013.

Mile End Memories

The Mile End has an undeniable "cool" factor as well as an active local historical society that seeks to foster understanding of one of the city's most creative artistic hubs. The website includes a detailed map, historical capsules and portraits of prominent citizens, as well as details on its more conventional tours and activities. Visit: memoire.mile-end.qc.ca/en/histoire-du-quartier.

Fictional Montreal

Coming soon, this is a British Academy funded collaboration between Lichti and Ceri Morgan centred on Montreal's literary history. Their digital map and website will feature audio recordings of authors reading excerpts from their works that are set in particular sites in the city. Visit: storytelling.concordia.ca.

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TOUR WHAT'S LEFT OF ICONIC EXPO 67

It was five decades ago that Montreal welcomed the world to Expo 67, an international exhibition that saw millions of visitors flock to the city over six months.

The event would put Montreal on the map and is remembered fondly by those who attended as drawing them into a futuristic fantasy world and opening their eyes to people and places they'd never experienced before.

Some 60 countries were part of the exhibition, which included architectural and technological marvels as part of nearly 100 pavilions that made up the 1967 International and Universal Exposition under the theme Man and his World.

Yves Jasmin, the event's director of advertising, information and public relations, said he believes Expo, which coincided with the country's centennial, also had a positive national impact.

"I think it made Canadians, who are usually modest in their attestation of themselves, suddenly realize we could do something international and really get (others') ears pricked up," Jasmin, now 95, said.

On a symbolic level, Expo 67 projected an image of Canadian unity, an inter-



Queen Elizabeth II at the British Pavilion. THE CANADIAN PRESS

national perception that remains today, said Mohamed Reda Khamsi, an urban studies professor at Université du Québec à Montréal, who added that Quebec's unique status is also widely understood.

The event, which opened April 28 and ran until Oct. 29, 1967, counted nearly 50 million visitors, exceeding the expectations of organizers.

Among the visitors was Rick Rake, an ex-Montrealer who was just nine when Expo 67 opened. He recalled fond memories of fishing in the canals between the pavilions, eventually visiting all of them, opening his eyes to

the world.

"It was like a dream-land of some sort — to see these things I'd never seen before," Rake said. "I didn't know about India or Africa or the space exhibit at the U.S. pavilion. I'd never seen anything like that before, so it was like entering a fantasy world."

The Expo had come as somewhat of a surprise — Montreal lost out to Moscow in the initial bidding and only in 1962 did the then-Soviet capital bow out.

After some debate about where to house the event, it was decided that man-made islands on the St. Lawrence River between Montreal and its southern suburbs would be the site.

Ile-Sainte-Helene was reshaped and made larger and Ile-Notre Dame was forged in part from rubble dug out during construction of Montreal's subway system.

The site, a popular spot today, was key, Jasmin said. But only a handful of structures have withstood the test of time: the Biosphere, the Habitat 67 residential complex, the Casino de Montreal building and Place des Nations, which hosted the opening and closing events.

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CELEBRATING CANADA'S GIFTS TO THE WORLD

10 essential Canadian films

MOVIES

Searching for a good movie, eh? Look no further...

Rhonda Riche

Canada has produced more than its share of celebrated actors and directors, but its movie industry lacks the box office power of Hollywood and Bollywood. But that's okay because, most importantly, Canadian films excel at telling Canadian stories. Here are 10 must-see movies from the True North.

1 Room (2015)
Based on the book by Anne Donoghue, this indie film swept the Canadian Screen Awards.

2 Jesus of Montreal (1989)
Director Denys Arcand's comedy about actors in a Passion Play was nominated for an Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film.



Atanarjuat: The Fast Runner.
TORSTAR FILE PHOTO

3 Agnes of God (1985)
Set in a convent near Montreal, Norman Jewison's drama stands out for its Oscar-nominated turns by Anne Bancroft and Meg Tilly.

4 Goin' Down the Road (1970)
Don Shebib's low-budget movie tracks two young Maritimers who travel to Toronto in search of jobs. Its cultural legacy was underlined by the fact that it was parodied by SCTV.

5 Atanarjuat: The Fast Runner (2001)
The first feature film ever to be written, directed and acted entirely in the Inuktitut language, Zacharias Kunuk's visually stunning film is based on an age old Inuit tale. A 2015 poll named it the greatest Canadian film of all time.



The 1970 cult classic Goin' Down The Road inspired a famous SCTV parody. TORSTAR FILE PHOTO

6 Le Confessional (1995)
Celebrated theatre director Robert Lepage made his big-screen debut with this mystery set between contemporary Quebec City and Alfred Hitchcock's 1952 film, I Confess.

7 Away From Her (2006)
Written and directed by Sarah Polley, this moving film is based on an Alice Munroe short



2006's Away From Her.
TORSTAR FILE PHOTO

story and stars Gordon Pincent. It doesn't get much more Canadian than that.

8 The Sweet Hereafter (1997)
Atom Egoyan's critically acclaimed adaptation of Russel Banks's book, this stirring drama looks at the lives of a community caught up in grief after a school bus disaster. It won the Grand Prix at Cannes.

9 32 Short Films About Glenn Gould (1993)

François Girard's eclectic take on the music of pianist Glenn Gould also broke film convention by mixing live action with documentary footage to create the filmic equivalent of the variations on a theme that Gould was famous for.

10 Kanehsatake: 270 Years of Resistance (1993)

Through the National Film Board, Canada has produced many great documentaries. Alanis Obomsawin's movie covering the Oka Crisis still resonates in our current political climate.

CULT HITS

Quirky Canuck classics

Canadian films also have a reputation for being unconventional. Here are five far-out films that deserve your attention.

Goon (2011)

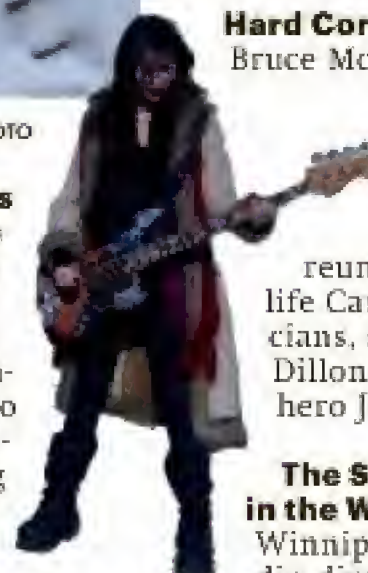
This flick about a hockey enforcer was directed by Michael Dowse and written by Jay Baruchel and Evan Goldberg.

Perfectly Normal (1990)

Robbie Coltrane and Michael Riley star as a hockey-loving factory worker and an opera aficionado slash grifter.

Hard Core Logo (1996)

Bruce McDonald's mockumentary about a legendary punk band's reunion stars real-life Canadian musicians, such as Hugh Dillon, and punk hero Joey Ramone.



Hard Core Logo.
TORSTAR FILE PHOTO

The Saddest Music in the World (2003)

Winnipeg's Guy Maddin directed this story about a Winnipeg brewery owner (played by Isabella Rossellini) and her contest to discover which country's music is the saddest.

The Big Snit (1985)

In the mid-'80s, when the world was pretty much convinced that nuclear destruction was right around the corner, Richard Condie's animated short made us laugh and think.

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Ducks without any answers for Draisaitl

EDMONTON-ANAHEIM
Oilers winger ‘having too much fun’ vs. Pacific champs

For Edmonton Oilers forward Leon Draisaitl, the happiest place in Orange County isn't Disneyland.

No, it's on the other end of Katella Avenue, where Draisaitl has scored in all four games against the Anaheim Ducks this season, including a goal and three assists in a Game 1 win on Wednesday night.

Draisaitl has scored in five of his seven career visits to Honda Center, amassing six goals and six assists. In his last 11 games against the Ducks regardless of location, Draisaitl has 17 points (9-8-17).

"I just think we're allowing him too much freedom in the games we've played him," Ducks coach Randy Carlyle said. "He's having too much fun. I don't know how I can put it any simpler."

But ask Draisaitl about his success against Anaheim, he nearly goes as silent as Donald Duck at the nearby theme park.

"I feel like people make too big of a deal of it," Draisaitl said Thursday afternoon. "I think every guy has a team they seem to get points against or it really seems to go their way. Maybe this team is it for me, but this is a different story. This is the playoffs and it's pretty much a new season so I'm not reading too much into it."

Though Draisaitl won't acknowledge it, part of the reason for his production against the Ducks likely comes from the de-



Oilers winger Leon Draisaitl scores past Ducks goaltender John Gibson on Jan. 25 in Anaheim. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

cision to play him on the wing with centre Connor McDavid this season. Carlyle loves to use his last change to deploy perpetual pest Ryan Kesler against McDavid, leaving undersized Andrew Coglian to deal with the stout Draisaitl.

Draisaitl can complement McDavid's speed with a more physical approach but has an equally high level of skill. Patrick Maroon, who rounds out the top line, was quick to compliment Draisaitl's vision and passing, which was evident in the second-round

opener when he found a trailing Adam Larsson to set up a third-period goal.

"Probably one of the best passers in the league, too," Maroon said. "I mean, he's just one of those guys that finds a way every night."

Taking away time and space from Draisaitl is the priority Friday night, Coglian said.

So too is cutting back on power-play opportunities for the Oilers, which give Draisaitl and McDavid even more chances to be out on the ice.

“He’s been doing it all year. Not just against Anaheim, he’s been doing it all year.”
 Patrick Maroon

Draisaitl had assists on both of Mark Letestu's power-play goals, including a 5-on-3 score for the Oilers' first goal.

Pairing Draisaitl and McDavid has been fruitful for both players. McDavid won the Art Ross Trophy after finishing his sophomore season with 100 points, while Draisaitl finished eighth in the league with 77.

"I'm trying to be the best player I can personally possibly be, and I try to do that night in and night out," Draisaitl said. "With that comes our chemistry. We really like playing with each other, we like each other off the ice. I'm happy when he scores, he's happy when I score so it makes it a lot of fun."

WASHINGTON-PITTSBURGH

Crosby propels Pens to early lead

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PENGUINS

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CAPITALS

Sidney Crosby scored two goals in 52 seconds, Nick Bonino had the winner in the third period and the Pittsburgh Penguins beat the Washington Capitals 3-2 in Game 1 of their second-round playoff series on Thursday night.

Crosby versus Alex Ovechkin got much of the buzz heading into the showdown of two of NHL's best teams, and Ovechkin collected his fourth goal of the playoffs.

Evgeny Kuznetsov tied it in the third, but Marc-Andre Fleury made 15 of his 32 saves in the final period to help the defending Stanley Cup cham-

pions to the victory.

Crosby was a threat to score just about every time he touched the puck. He beat Braden Holtby with his first two shots of the second period.

Holtby stopped 18 shots, but he allowed Bonino's goal at 12:36.

Game 2 is Saturday night.

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OTTAWA-NEW YORK

Sens take Karlsson goal to the bank

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SENATORS

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RANGERS

Erik Karlsson scored the go-ahead goal late in regulation as the Ottawa Senators snatched Game 1 from the New York Rangers 2-1 on Thursday night.

The Senators captain beat fellow Swede Henrik Lundqvist on an innocent shot from just above the goal-line — one that pinged off Rangers centre Derek Stepan and into the back of the net.

It was Karlsson's first goal

and seventh point of the playoffs. The 26-year-old, who's been playing with a foot injury, also logged more than 28 minutes in the win.

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IN BRIEF

Preds' Fiala recovering from broken leg

Nashville forward Kevin Fiala broke his left leg during the Predators' Game 1 win over St. Louis and is recovering from surgery to repair his femur, the team said Thursday.

The 20-year-old Fiala was hit by Blues defenceman

Robert Bortuzzo and went hard into the boards behind the St. Louis net at 1:46 of the second period Wednesday night. His injury led to a 17-minute delay while Fiala received medical attention. He was taken off the ice on a stretcher to the hospital.

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Game 6 curse ends for Raps

NBA PLAYOFFS

Toronto blow huge lead but edge win, Cavs await in semis

The Toronto Raptors are headed to the Eastern Conference semi-finals. But they didn't take the easiest path in getting there.

DeMar DeRozan scored 32 points as the Raptors held on to beat the Bucks 92-89, but not before watching their 25-point lead vanish in a fierce Milwaukee comeback. The Raptors clinched the best-of-seven series 4-2 to advance to the conference semis, where they face defending champion Cleveland.

Kyle Lowry added 13 points, but he and DeRozan were the only Raptors to score in double figures. Serge Ibaka had 11 boards but just seven points before fouling out for Toronto.

Giannis Antetokounmpo scored 34 points and nine rebounds to lead a young Bucks

GAME 6 In Milwaukee



team. Thon Maker, who played high school basketball in Orangeville, Ont., had five blocks.

The Raptors, who had never won a playoff series in less than the maximum number of games, dominated for much of the night and led by as many as 25 points midway through the third quarter. But the Bucks responded with a 15-3 run to cut Toronto's lead to 74-61 heading into a nail-biting final frame.

However, it wasn't enough as Lowry and DeRozan settled the ship and Toronto held on to end the team's Game 6 curse and win the series. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



NFL BROWNS USE NO.1 PICK ON DEFENSIVE END GARRETT
No surprises at the top of the NFL draft as Myles Garrett was picked first overall by the Cleveland Browns. Garrett, a dynamic pass rusher, was not on hand, but promised Cleveland fans "great things are coming." Cleveland went 1-15 last season and has holes everywhere. It ranked 31st defensively and had only 26 sacks.

NATHAN HUNSINGER/THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MMA

UFC coming back to city in September

The UFC will make its return to Canada this summer with Edmonton's Rogers Place set to host UFC 216 on Sept. 9.

Information on the pay-per-view card will be released at a later date. It's the first UFC show in Canada since a Fight Night card in Halifax last February.

"We are thrilled to hold our first pay-per-view event in Edmonton," UFC senior vice-president Joe Carr said Thursday in a release. "Fans have long

been asking us to bring the Octagon back to Alberta, and we can't wait to deliver a blockbuster event at state-of-the-art Rogers Place this September."

Edmonton becomes the 10th Canadian city to host a UFC card. Since 2008, the UFC has staged 23 events in Canada. Other host cities have included Calgary, Montreal, Ottawa, Quebec City, Saskatoon, Toronto, Vancouver and Winnipeg.

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IN BRIEF

Stalemate in City vs. United

Manchester United held on following Marouane Fellaini's late sending-off for headbutting Sergio Aguero to draw 0-0 at Manchester City in the English Premier League on Thursday, keeping the race for Champions League qualification congested.

City dominated the game but couldn't find a breakthrough.

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Joshua, Klitschko ready to go

Anthony Joshua and Wladimir Klitschko drew the kind of crowd for their final news conference that most fighters would be happy with once they got in the ring.

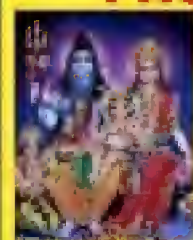
Everything is supersized in their heavyweight title fight, including the fighters themselves. The heavyweights meet Saturday at London's Wembley Stadium, where 90,000 fans are expected. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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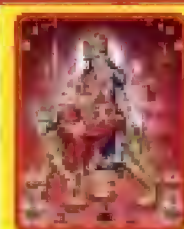
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- 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 3/4 cup mini chocolate chips

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 375. Grease a baking sheet with butter.
2. Cream butter and sugar. Add almond butter. Next add

egg and mix until fluffy.

3. Whisk flour, baking powder, soda and salt together. Combine the dry ingredients into the butter batter in stages, blending until incorporated. Add the chocolate chips and mix.

4. Drop a tablespoon of dough onto the cookie sheet and then flatten it a tiny bit with the back of a spoon. Space your cookies about 1-inch apart. Bake in the oven for 20 to 22 minutes. I consider this the most important step if you want chewy, soft cookies. Be sure to watch them carefully. If you want more crisp cookies, allow them to bake another few minutes.

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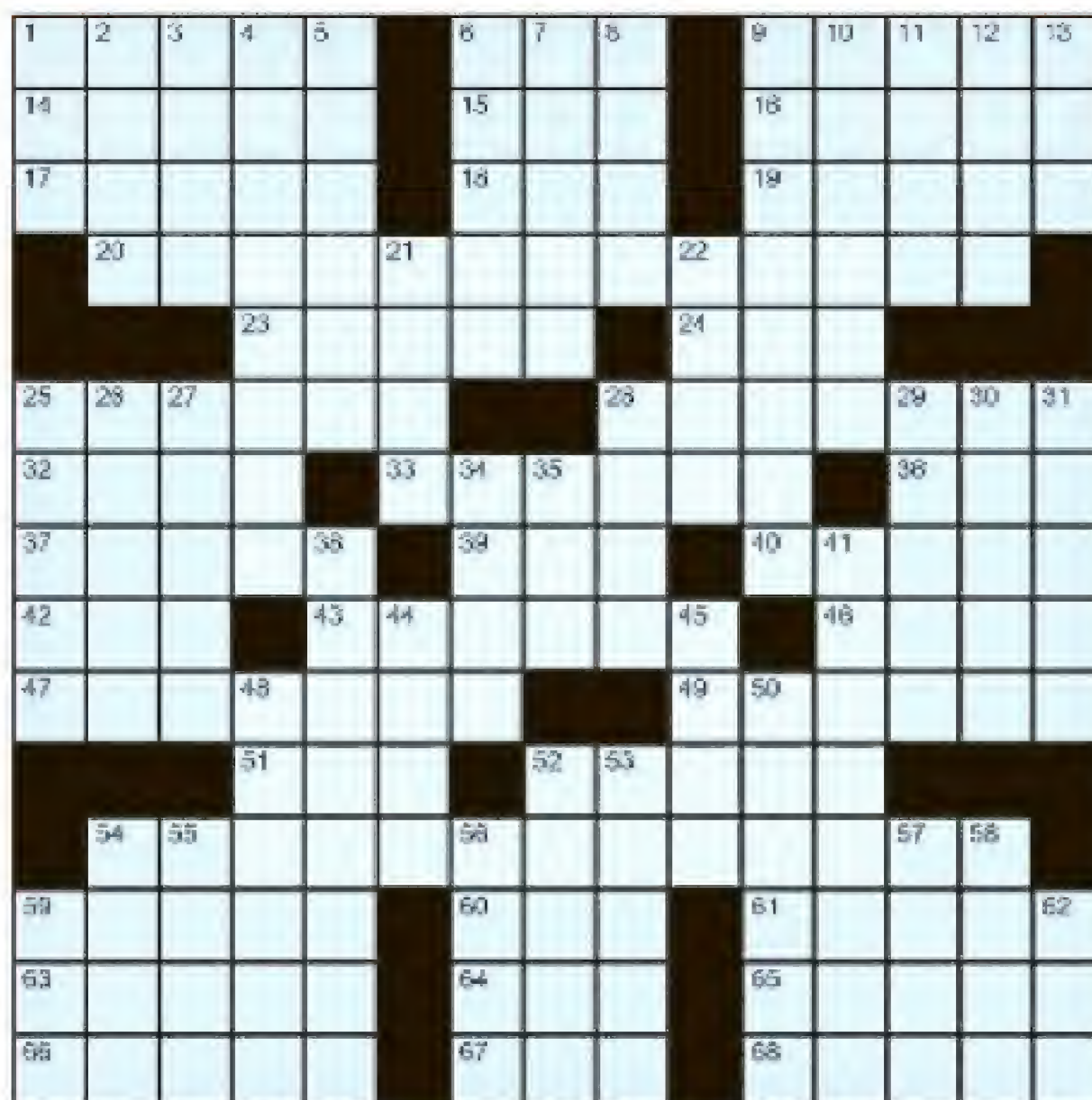
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65. Movie star Zac
66. Windblown silt deposit
67. Cobbler's tool
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54. As a result
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56. "Be-_-Lula"
57. 'S' of EMS, for short
58. Swill
59. Friend
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* IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Expect the unexpected today, because unpredictable events will occur. Your mind is racing and going off in all directions!

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Secrets might come out today, especially if you do research or study something unusual. Something unexpected will occur behind the scenes.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
You might meet a real character today. Or possibly, someone you already know will do something that amazes you. No matter what happens, you will learn something.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
A conversation with a boss, parent or authority figure will surprise you in some way today. If you are caught off guard, take a breath before you react. Don't quit your day job.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
You suddenly might have to travel somewhere today, or scheduled travel plans will be changed or canceled. Travel and school schedules definitely are unpredictable.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Double-check your bank accounts and matters related to inheritances and shared property today, because something unexpected likely will occur. It's always good to know what's happening.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
A friend or partner probably will surprise you today. This person might demand more freedom in the relationship or suggest something unusual.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Your work routine will be interrupted by computer crashes, power outages, fire drills, cancelled appointments or something unexpected. Count on it.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
This is an accident-prone day for your children, so be extra vigilant. This applies to sports as well. Meanwhile, love at first sight might take place.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Small appliances might break down, or minor breakages could occur today. An unexpected visitor might appear at your door.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
This is an accident-prone day, so be careful. Think before you act or speak. However, you're full of clever and geniuslike ideas, because it's easy for you to think outside the box today.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
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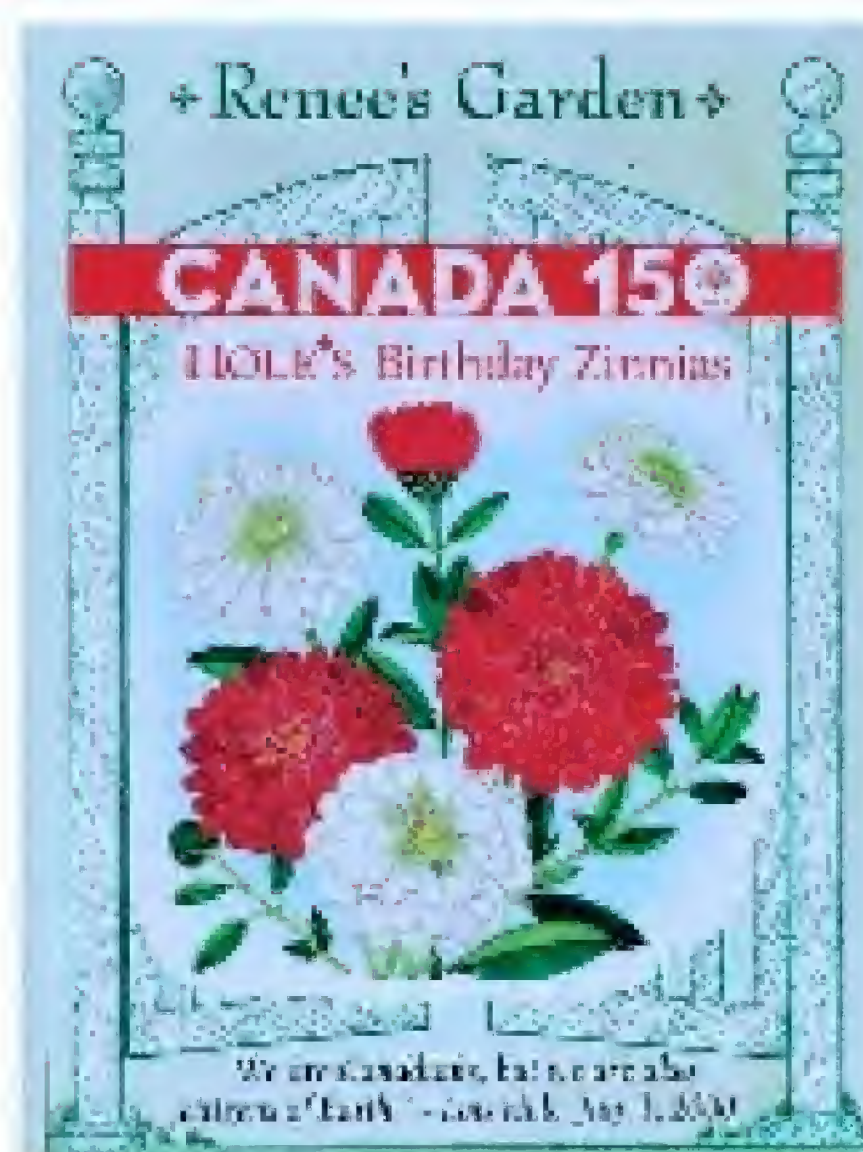
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